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25X1 1. [] Returned to Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, communications sent to Senator Wayne Morse dealing with the Haitian situation. WH had reviewed these indicating there was nothing contained therein which had not been reported or which was not based on rumor only. I thanked Mr. Holt for furnishing them and he appreciated our comments.

25X1 2. [] At Senator Robert S. Kerr's request, [] and John Warner met with him with Everard Smith present to brief him on the Soviet Venus probe. His initial query when he arrived related to what information and recommendations did we have to assist him in preparing a public statement for issue later in the day. I indicated that it was our understanding that the purpose of our visit was to brief him on the Soviet Venus probe and that recommendations as to public statements were not within the responsibilities of the Agency. Although he pushed a bit on this, it was agreed we would conduct the briefing. [] gave the essential information on the shot. In the course of the briefing, Senator Kerr apparently talked by telephone with Hugh Dryden or some other senior official of NASA. Eventually, in our presence, he turned to Smith for recommendations as to his public statement and CIA participation was limited to defining what was classified and not classified on what [] had briefed him. 25X1

25X1 3. [] In talking with Captain Stevens, office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he advised that the Chairman of the JCS is currently scheduled to meet with the Mahon Defense Subcommittee of House Armed Services on the 16th and 17th of February. Also on the calendar is a meeting with the full House Armed Services Committee on the 23rd and 24th of February. Senator Russell had publicly announced a date of 20 February for McNamara and the Chairman of the JCS to be there and as of now McNamara will go without Lemnitzer. ✓

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